

he possibly could, persuading him to return Home immediately, lest the Report of his having left his Family might cause the Person whose Hands the Bond was in, to call on him sooner than he expected. It is sufficient to add, that he resolved to return, and by Industry and Application, as a Merchant, to discharge his Bond, and maintain his Family.

Accordingly, he returned, was received by his



Wife with great Tenderneſs. The Event answered  
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his moſt ſanguine Expectations; his Father-in-Law ſupported him with all his Credit and Fortune; and having no Fortune of his own, to indulge the Gaieties of Life with, he bent his Life entirely to Trade; and in a few Years, with unexampled Industry, and untainted Honor, he found himſelf in a Capacity of diſcharging his Obligation to his Father-in-Law, and of giving a handſome Fortune to his Children; for he uſed often to ſay, His Miſfortunes had taught him to be contented with that which would place his Children above the Temptation of doing wrong from Want, and prevent their being ruined by too much Wealth. I need only add, that he often uſed latterly to ſay, He had felt ſo much true Pleaſure ſince his Miſfortunes, that he ſhould certainly have been ruined, if he had not been betrayed, His Life, indeed, ever afterwards, was the Life of the Righteous, and his latter End was like theirs. When he died he left this laconic Advice to all his Children;—HOPE.

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